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PGCPS CEO to Retire; Cites Acrimony of School Board

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Thursday, January 5, Dr. Monica Goldson, chief executive officer of Prince George's County Public Schools, announced her intention to retire at the end of this school year. Goldson has led the school system



Monica Goldson

PHOTO COURTESY PGCPS

is another example of the board's inability to work together in the best interest of our students. The continued political infighting among certain board members demonstrates a misalignment in

the vision for the children of this county."

Recent chair Juanita Miller is facing state charges of misconduct in office, neglect of duty and incompetence, and last month the board failed to elect a new chair (News Review, December 22, 2022).

The Board of Education extended their congratulations in an open letter to Goldson, in which they acknowledged her leadership and impact over 32 years of service to Prince George's County Public Schools. The letter, signed by Miller as chair and Lolita E. Walker as vice-chair, did not address or acknowledge Goldson's criticism of the board.

Important Radio Station, WWV, Part of Greenbelt's History

by Amy Hansen

"National Bureau of Standards WWV, when the tone returns the time is...."

Long before there was Goddard Space Flight Center on Greenbelt Road, there was the building that became the Goddard Visitor Center. The building was the third home to WWV, the country's first radio station whose purpose was to transmit standard frequency signals so that other radio stations could tune their own broadcasts correctly.

John Lowe, recently retired broadcast manager at WWV (among other jobs) from the National Institutes for Standards and Technology (NIST), presented the history of WWV at the Goddard Visitor Center on Wednesday, November 9. Ironically, the camera malfunctioned, so for the Zoom audience of this hybrid event it was an audio-only experience, at least until someone with a cell phone leapt into the breach. Fortunately, the NIST website has plenty of resources on the early radio station (see nist.gov, search for WWV). WWV was originally run by the National Bureau of Standards, which became NIST in 1988.

WWV started on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C., in 1919. The government ex-



PHOTO COURTESY NIST

In 1943, the new WWV radio station sports floor-to-ceiling windows and underground tunnels for the crystal arrays.

perimented with airing weekly concerts and market reports for farmers in the area, among other broadcasting work.

But by 1922, WWV's purpose became clear. Radio stations needed a standard frequency guide so they could stay out of each other's way. Radio stations used WWV tones to tune to their own particular broadcasting frequency.

As land in downtown D.C.

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Long Wait, Expensive, NASA's Bridge Repair Finally Begins

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY BARRETT BEDFORD-DILLOW

NASA's entrance to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway has been closed since September 2021.

NASA's budget for Fiscal Year 2023 includes funding to make the necessary repairs to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge that has been closed since September 2021, but the project could take up to two years and is expected to cost \$7.5-\$10 million.

Bridge Closure

The bridge entrance to Goddard Space Flight Center has

been closed since the afternoon of September 16, 2021, when the driver of a flatbed transport vehicle carrying a small excavator misjudged their height and crashed their equipment into its underside. One person was transported from the scene by ambulance and traffic was stalled for hours. NASA closed the bridge indefinitely the following day,

awaiting the assessment of Federal Highway Administration (FHA) engineers and repairs.

Goddard Employee Access

The exit off the Parkway, located between Powder Mill Road and Route 193, was a full-service exit available only to badged NASA employees. Employees could avoid some local

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My Perspective

Serving on a Grand Jury In Prince George's County

by Anne Gardner

For the past four months, I have spent my Tuesdays in Upper Marlboro serving on a grand jury. This experience has given me an insight into the criminal justice system, as well as a new appreciation for mentoring and other programs that aim to steer young men away from a life of gun violence and drug dealing.

According to Wikipedia, a grand jury is "a group of citizens empowered by law to conduct legal proceedings, investigate potential criminal conduct, and determine whether criminal charges should be brought." The word grand comes from the French

word meaning large, because it traditionally has more jurors than a trial jury – which is sometimes called a petit jury, from the French word meaning small. Originating in England during the Middle Ages, grand juries are only retained in two countries, the United States and Liberia.

Two Grand Juries

In Prince George's County there are two grand juries, one meeting on Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays, each consisting of 23 members plus five alternates who might be called

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PHOTO BY BARBARA BJANES

A birthday celebration at Greenbelt Lake includes balloons, which were then regifted. See story, page 6.

What Goes On

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, city offices closed
Wednesday, January 18
No council meeting

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

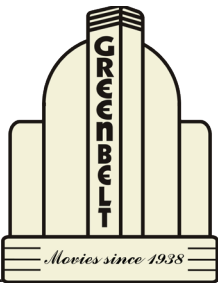
When Will Greenbelt Park Trails Reopen?

This is a follow-up from the letter written a couple of weeks ago about the Greenbelt Park trails. I contacted Senator Ben Cardin and this is their response: Through Cardin’s office, the National Park Service responded to our request for an update regarding the timeline on the trails reopening. In disaster response and recovery, arborists from national parks throughout the United States mobilize into Arborist

Incident Response Teams, known as AIR Teams. National Capital Parks East, the administering NPS unit for Greenbelt Park, is collaborating with an AIR Team to repair and reopen the trails; the team will be working at Greenbelt Park between January 23 and February 3. Once the work is completed, NPS will confirm the area is once again safe for park visitors and will reopen the trails. We will continue to monitor progress on the timely restoration of public access.
Catherine Francoeur

Clarification

In the article entitled Local High-Rise Condo Owners Get Bad News about Building which ran in the issue of December 29, 2022, the high-rise condominium building referred to should more properly be called The Towers In Westchester Park. It has 304 residential and four commercial units. The News Review was also informed that the recent assessments are as much as \$21,700 for a studio efficiency.



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The Whale (R) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (117 mins)

Fri. 4:45 PM, 7:30 PM*
w/ guest speaker
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 12:00 PM (OC), 2:30 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Avatar: The Way of Water
(PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2022)
(192 mins)

Fri. 7:00 PM
Sat. 4:15 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM
Mon. 1:15 PM (OC)
Tues. 6:00 PM
Wed. 3:15 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM

Corsage (NR) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (114 mins)

Fri. 4:30 PM
Sat. 8:15 PM
Sun. 11:00 AM
Mon. 5:15 PM
Tues. 3:30 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 4:30 PM



WINTER UNITES US ALL.

- News Review, December 14, 2017

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Nancy Solomon reads the News Review in front of the Colorado State Capitol in Denver in late November.

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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Whale

A reclusive English teacher (Brendan Fraser) suffering from severe obesity attempts to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter for one last chance at redemption. Critic Chris Hewitt of the Minneapolis Star Tribune praised the movie’s lead actor: “Fraser’s choices are so subtly intelligent that we barely notice what amounts to his costume, so attuned are we to the way his Charlie teeters on the brink of life and death.”

Avatar: The Way of Water

James Cameron’s Academy Award-winning 2009 epic adventure Avatar continues in the lush alien world of Pandora and its inhabitants, the Na’vi – beings who appear primitive but are highly evolved. Because the planet’s environment is poisonous, human/Na’vi hybrids, called Avatars, must link to human minds to allow for free movement on Pandora. Jake Sully (Sam Worthington), a paralyzed former Marine, becomes mobile again through one such Avatar and falls in love with a Na’vi woman (Zoe Saldana). As a bond with her grows, he is drawn into a battle for the survival of her world.

Corsage

Empress Elisabeth of Austria is idolized for her beauty and renowned for inspiring fashion trends. But in 1877, she celebrates her 40th birthday and must fight to maintain her public image by lacing her corset tighter and tighter. While Elisabeth’s role has been reduced against her wishes to purely performative, her hunger for knowledge and zest for life makes her more and more restless in Vienna. She travels to England and Bavaria, visiting former lovers and old friends, seeking the excitement and purpose of her youth. With a future of strictly ceremonial duties laid out in front of her, Elisabeth rebels against the hyperbolized image of herself and comes up with a plan to protect her legacy.

Community Events

Mishkan Torah Food Pantry

Congregation Mishkan Torah, located at 10 Ridge Road, is collecting canned goods for its community pantry in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The building will be open for donations on Monday, January 16 between 1 and 3 p.m.

Porch Food Collection

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection is continuing its program to collect food in the month of January. The January collection schedule, which is different from previous months, is below:

Saturday, January 21. By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, January 22. By 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village, 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Porch Greenbelt continues to welcome volunteers who would expand food collection to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, should email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

The Porch community food collection program also accommodates individuals who do not live in a neighborhood with volunteer pickups. To make a nonperishable healthy food and/or personal hygiene product donation through Porch At Large (PAL), email an address to spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on Sunday, January 22. Leave the donation on the front porch in bags or boxes marked PORCH or RUAK and it will be picked up at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 22. If the front porch is not visible from the road, place donations in a location that can be seen. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on all food items.

TEA Time Jan. 20

Adults are invited to come for TEA (Taking Effective Action) time. Come for lunch and create a vision board to empower personal and professional growth for 2023 (supplies provided). The meeting will be held in the back room of the New Deal Café on Friday, January 20, from noon to 1 p.m.

Those interested should call or email Li'l Dan at 240-643-3768 or dceldran@hotmail.com before Thursday, January 19.

At the Library: Reading Challenge

In conjunction with the Washington Wizards basketball team, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System once again offers its Winter Reading Challenge, through March 31. Activities include reading, watching Wizards games, attending virtual library programs and staying active and engaged with the Library and the Wizards. Books to read for children in various age groups (K-2, grades 3-5 and grades 6-8) will be featured.

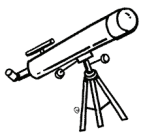
The free challenge can be joined online through Beanstack, a software platform and mobile app that allows readers to easily record their reading minutes, track their progress and stay motivated to complete the challenge.

For each activity completed, participants can earn points toward earning challenge badges. Badges are awarded for four different activity types focused on reading, fitness fun, program attendance, and connect and share. Those who complete the challenge will be eligible for a variety of prizes, including a raffle entry for tickets to the Wizards' April 9 home game versus the Houston Rockets. Visit pgcmlls.info for more information and to register for the Winter Reading Challenge.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, January 14 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Jupiter, Mars, galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 6 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



Bi-lingual Story Hour For Pre-Schoolers

On Friday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills.

This monthly bi-lingual program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, children can stay and play. Free books and snacks.

Poetry in the Garden

Poetry in the Garden will meet on Sunday, January 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Three Sisters Garden near the Schrom Hill Park Club House. This group is diverse in age and cultural background. Read a poem or listen to others and be inspired. Spontaneous discussion relating to the poems follows.

For more information, call Effie Levner at 443-415-1053.

Restore Woodland Workday on Saturday

Help prepare the ground for the benefit of fireflies, butterflies and birds. The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday near the Hillside Road underpass on Saturday, January 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will be removing invasive shrubs and vines to prepare for planting bare-root elderberry, spicebush and native wildflowers. Meet on the bike path by the underpass, just a bit uphill from the Firefly Sanctuary. Wear clothes that cover the skin. Also recommended is wearing leather gloves and thick pants to protect against scratches.

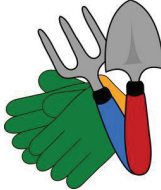
Bring a face mask to wear when in close proximity to others, loppers, pruning shears and shovels.

For more information, contact SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

New Deal Hosts Two Band & Book Events

The Reilly Goulait Band, which has been a regular act at the New Deal Café for years, will be back again in January with a special twist. On Thursday, January 19 from 7 to 9 p.m., the band will perform live music, including new original songs inspired by Bob Reilly's book, Rideshare by Robert: Every Ride's a Short Story. Reilly, of Laurel, has heard approximately 33,000 stories from passengers during the past seven years while driving for Uber and Lyft.

On Sunday, January 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., Reilly will be at the New Deal for a Meet the Author event, with a book introduction, Q & A, storytelling and an acoustic musical presentation of original songs inspired by stories in the book and the rideshare experience. Reilly will be joined by Joe Goulait of the Reilly Goulait Band for this special event.



Join the Gardening Angels on Thursday

Retirees and telecommuters who want an outdoor lunch break are invited to attend the inaugural meeting of a group working to address the biodiversity crisis in the community on Thursday, January 12, from noon to 1 p.m. This year, the group will be creating nurturing habitat by propagating native plants, removing invasives and installing plants they want to nurture in the common areas around Greenbelt. The meeting will take place along the bike path next to the Hillside Road underpass, just uphill from the Firefly Sanctuary. There is work for all kinds of bodies – whether it is digging all day or getting hands in the soil while seated at a table. For more information, email SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

GCDC Meeting Jan. 17


The Greenbelt Community Development Corporation will hold its meeting on Tuesday, January 17. The meeting will be held in Room 114 of the Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Golden Age Club

Make 2023 the year to join Greenbelt's Golden Age Club. For those 60 years or older and a resident of Greenbelt, meetings are every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center's second floor meeting room. There's always lots going on. The first Wednesday of the month is a business and social meeting; the second Wednesday often features a special speaker. The third Wednesday celebrates birthdays of the month and the fourth Wednesday is BINGO.

A number of special events are planned for the coming year, including our anniversary luncheon at the College Park Holiday Inn in April. Other months will include a presentation on kitchen hacks for seniors, physical therapy for better health and a presentation by Donna Peterson on Women of the Wild West.

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.






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11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
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1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl 2022-23	FINALS Kenmoor v. Robert Goddard
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON SIX	Four Shillings Short • Roots and Blues
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MON 1/16	TUES 1/17	WED 1/18	TH 1/19	MON - FRI
Chess Club 6-8pm Reel and Meal: "River Blue"™ 7-9pm	Open Mic with Joey Campfire 7-9pm Sign-ups begin at 6:30p	Pub Quiz 7-9pm Join Us and Test Your Knowledge!	The Reilly Goulait "Band & Book" Signing Event 7-9p Popular Covers	Happy Hour 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

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Obituaries

Mary Hernandez



Mary Hernandez

Mary Wulforst Hernandez died on December 17, 2022, at the age of 95 in Hillhaven Assisted Living in Adelphi. She was born in Syosset, Long Island, as Mary Ann Wulforst on October 19, 1927, and was the youngest daughter of three of parents Jacob and Edna Wulforst. She moved to Greenbelt in 2016 where she lived on Laurel Hill Road for about three years, and then moved into Hillhaven Assisted Living after struggling with multiple health issues.

In her youth she attended Mary Lewis Academy in New York and Mount St. Mary College in New Hampshire. She then married James S. Campbell of Morristown, N.J., who was an advertising copywriter in Manhattan. They had six children: three girls and three boys. The Campbell family resided first in New York and then Pennsylvania. Mary and James were divorced after 24 years of marriage. Mary met and married Gilbert Hernandez while they were both working for the Hershey Company in Pennsylvania. They were happily married for 35 years.

Mary and Gilbert lived many places in their lives. They drove across the country to California and Mexico and back to the East Coast twice, visiting members of

the family, and lived in Mexico for some years. All her life Mary loved gardening, cultivating flowers and fresh vegetables for her family. She was an excellent cook who enjoyed experimenting with different types of cuisine. Mary and Gilbert enjoyed playing golf and watching the PGA – especially watching Tiger Woods. She attended art classes, and her favorite singer was Frank Sinatra, whom she met once through her first husband. She loved books so much that even after losing her eyesight to macular degeneration, she listened to audio books. She was knowledgeable about politics and enjoyed the Rachel Maddow show.

After Gilbert died in 2015, she moved from Seaford, Del., to Maryland, first to Leisure World, then finally to Greenbelt. When she attended a Greenbelt orientation, she decided that Greenbelt was the place for her, as she was most in her element when gardening.

She was predeceased by her sister Julia Spach, her son Robert Colin Campbell and her husband Gilbert Hernandez. She is survived by her older sister Rita Koegel of Massachusetts; her children Helenor Mesias of Greenbelt, Carol Campbell of Baltimore, Jean Campbell of Saugerties, N.Y., James Campbell Jr. of San Francisco, Richard Campbell of Boston; two grandchildren, Henry Mesias Jr. of Takoma Park and Reed Parker of Saugerties, N.Y.; and five nieces and their children. Along with other relatives of Gilbert in Mexico there are two great-grandchildren, Victor and Diego Mesias-Violand the sons of Henry Mesias Jr. and Julia Voiland.

A memorial is being planned for Mary in Greenbelt this spring.

Carolyn Foxwell

Carolyn Foxwell, 91, a resident of Greenbelt for over 50 years, died on January 3, 2023, a few months after moving to Conway, S.C.

She worked at the University of Maryland until her retirement and was a longtime member of the Glenn Dale United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Foxwell is predeceased by her husband Milton and son Allan. She is survived by daughters Carol and Linda; grandchildren Jeff, Nicole, Katelyn and Ashley, and numerous great-grandchildren.

The family will hold private services at a future date. Expressions of condolence may be made to Carolyn's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code has changed, effective July 16. The new three-digit dialing code is 988 and it's available for phone calls and text messages.

The former Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will continue to be accessible.

Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

"No matter what problems you're dealing with, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, if you need someone to lean on for emotional support, call the Lifeline," the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline says on its website at samhsa.gov/find-help/988.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Our sympathies to the family and friends of Mary Hernandez who lived in Greenbelt for a few years before moving to Hillhaven Assisted Living in Adelphi where she died at age 95.

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime resident Carolyn Foxwell who died a few months after moving from Greenbelt to South Carolina.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Cub Scouts Donate Socks



PHOTO BY BARRETT BEDFORD-DILLOW

Socks donated by Greenbelt Cub Scouts in December

Last month the Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 held a "snowball fight" with pairs of new men's socks. After the pack meeting the donated socks were laundered, matched and counted. In total the Greenbelt cubs and their families gathered over 160 pairs of socks

for people experiencing homelessness. New socks are one of the most requested items at shelters. Pack 202 partnered with the nonprofit #HashtagLunchbag to distribute the socks to those in need of them.

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Not Just a Dream

Leo Jones, Rev. Ann Kadlecik

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is best known these days for the dream he had for his children and his commitment to non-violence and peace. There was, however, much more to his prophetic vision and teachings. Today, with PBUUC member Leo Jones and Rev. Ann Kadlecik, we'll dip into some of his lesser-known works, and explore what his words might offer to Unitarian Universalists today.

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First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
1 Timothy 2:1-2

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MCFcc.org

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Hollingsworth Gallery January Art Exhibit

Racquel Keller, former artist in residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, is exhibiting her artwork during the month of January at the Hollingsworth Gallery at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on the Patuxent Research Refuge, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel.

Free Puppet Show In College Park

Blue Sky Puppets will present a free puppet show on Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Rufus, a lost and lonely dog finds friendship and learns about acceptance and inclusion. Sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange, cpae.org.

City Notes

At Buddy Attick Park, Horticulture/Parks replanted the Roosevelt Center holiday tree and also installed a memorial plaque beside a newly planted tree.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.22 tons of refuse and 12.85 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance serviced fan coil and rooftop HVAC units at the Community Center, Municipal Building, Aquatic & Fitness Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The Museum received a donation in the amount of \$3,747 from the estate of Elizabeth Pels Nash, a longtime supporter. Rehearsals started for the first Winter Youth Musical since the pandemic began, and an Artful Afternoon featured Black Cherry Puppet Theater’s hand-puppet workshop.

The Golden Age Club welcomed newly elected officers as well as the new Therapeutic Recreation supervisor. Therapeutic Recreation and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program collaborated on the final meal delivery to seniors’ homes before the onsite senior lunch gathering resumes next week.

Park rangers cleaned up debris from unauthorized New Year’s Eve fireworks at Schrom Hills Park.



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January 4 - Jan 18 2023

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 16-20

Monday, January 16, **NO MEETING - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY**

Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Final Discussion of Tree Replacements Near Greenbriar, Discussion of the Tree Canopy Grant, Arbor Day 2023 Planning, Adjourn*

Wednesday, January 18, **NO MEETING**

Wednesday, January 18 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approve Agenda, Approve November and December Meeting Minutes, Council Liason Update, Buddy Attick Park Master Plan - Draft RFP Review V-3, Recreation Department Update, Administrative Report, Adjourn*

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 1/7/23)

Rent and Utility Assistance

- 417 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$2,009,655.44

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance

- 19 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$65,623.41

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION ¡GRATIS! DISTRIBUCION DE VERDURAS

Thursday, January 19	jueves, 19 de enero
1 - 3 pm	1 - 3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road	Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

This program is for kids ages 3-5 years. Children must be fully potty-trained. Winter and Spring classes available. Call (301) 397-2200.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 16, 10 AM - 1 PM

BUDDY ATTICK PARK

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory and invasive vines at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines

Register by email at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov.

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM AND PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, January 28 from 9 am until 12 pm

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Paint Recycling \$5 per container

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For more information, call (301) 474-8004.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr Day The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 16

Monday Route – collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – collected Thursday
Thursday Route – collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, January 20.

GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BECA DE EDUCACIÓN GREENBELT

Application period open through March 31, 2023.

El período de solicitud esta aqui al 31 de marzo de 2023.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS

www.greenbeltmd.gov/groups

Completed applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm Monday, February 6. Call (240) 542-2196 or email cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

The City of Greenbelt is currently hiring for the City Manager position. To apply, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

City Council wants your input on what you’re looking for in a City Manager. Fill out the Community Stakeholder Survey at www.greenbeltmd.gov/survey

PINK PANTRY

JANUARY 18, 1 - 3 PM

Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane

This program provides period products to income qualified residents. Please register at <https://bit.ly/3Xihtx> or call (240) 542-2019.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION

JANUARY 17, 2 - 3 PM

Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Free school supplies. Bags supplied by IHG Hotels & Resorts. To register: kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov or call (240) 542-2019.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS

December 12 & 19, 6 - 7:30 pm, via Zoom

Learn the basics of parenting a teen with in-depth discussions of hot topics. *Call (301) 345-6660 or cares@greenbeltmd.gov.*

FREE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

CARES currently has daytime hours available from 9 am - 4pm for individual counseling for ages 16+. Waitlist available for evening hours starting at 5 pm.

Call (301) 345-6660 or email cares@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE program is available for Greenbelt families with newborns to 2 years old. Service includes monthly diapers, formula, baby milestone progress review, and more.

Call (240) 542-2019 or email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) is offering support groups online or in-person beginning January 2023. Registration required.

In-person: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm at Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East

Online: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2-3 pm.

Call (240) 542-2029 or email sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

This FREE program occurs every 3rd Thursday of the month from 1 - 3 pm. Look at this section of the City calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar for locations and information.

Resistance and Resilience in the African Diaspora

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

The programs presented this year in recognition of Black History Month 2023 highlight the talents, genius and survival skills of people with African heritage as they strive to live and thrive in various challenging environments.

Presented by Greenbelt Recreation and the Black History and Culture Committee.

Art Exhibition: February 1 - March 6

Artful Afternoon: February 5

Community Art Fun: February 11 12 - 3 pm

Kaiser Health Screening Unit FREE: February 11, 10 am - 3 pm

Free Family Film at the Old Greenbelt Theatre: FREE February 26

In Person Cultural Program: February 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Featuring spoken words with **Chris Haley, Sainey Cessay, Francis Stedman;**

Capoeira Angola with **Mestre Santemu;**

Kweku Owusu drums and dance.

For full program details and times visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BHM

PRE-K STORY HOUR | HORA DE CUENTOS DE PREKINDER

Friday, January 13 | 10:30 - 11:30 am

Viernes, 16 de enero | 10:30 - 11:30 am

Springhill Lake Recreation, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Come and enjoy the wonderful world of storytelling and free, healthy snacks. Friends & family are all welcomed.

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This series is sponsored by RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness); Prince George’s County Memorial Library System; Greenbelt Recreation.

Contact joseph.vincent@gpcmls.info or spreadruak@gmail.com

Traveling Balloons



PHOTO BY BARBARA BJANES

Party balloons (see page 1) are “regifted” to John Henry Jones.

Barbara Bjanès photographed a birthday party decorated with balloons at Greenbelt Lake. She then retrieved the balloons from a trash can once the party was over to take to a neighbor, John Henry Jones.

“Along the route to John Henry’s, a sudden gust of wind at the corner by the tennis courts caused one balloon to escape,” said Bjanès. “Nothing to be done, I let it go,” she said. But a father and his young daughter somehow captured the balloon, delighting Bjanès. “I told the young girl that I wanted her to have it,” she said.

Bjanès continued on to John Henry’s house and he was quite pleased to get the balloon bouquet, enjoyed the little story and the photos. John Henry immediately put the balloons in a vase and posed for a picture.

Fiscal Year 2024

City Gears up Toward Budget Discussion for All Departments

by Diane Oberg

On December 14, the Greenbelt City Council met with the interim city manager and treasurer to discuss the city’s current financial status and identify council priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. FY24 begins July 1. Interim City Manager Timothy George will submit his proposed budget to council in late March, kicking off a series of budget review worksessions.

Current Status

In a memorandum available in the council packet for the meeting, City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon described the city’s current financial condition as “stable.” City revenues appear strong. Five months into the FY23 budget year, the city has received 77 percent of projected revenues while spending just 36.8 percent of budgeted expenditures. She projects that at the end of the fiscal year revenues are likely to exceed expenditures and expenditures are likely to be below the budgeted amount.

In response, Gaymon will be increasing her revenue estimates based upon current data and projections from the state comptroller. Several revenue sources, including personal property tax, income tax, admissions and amusement taxes and the hotel/motel tax, will be projected at pre-pandemic levels.

At the five-month mark, the city has already received more income from interest than the adopted budget.

On the expenditure side, the city has spent 36 percent of the proposed budget. Gaymon said that it is too early in the fiscal year to identify any necessary adjustments but expects that the budget expenditures to be fully expended by the end of the fiscal year.

There are several budget unknowns. There is still a sneaking suspicion that property tax abatement requests will increase. While the city’s compensation study is nearing completion, the city has not yet received the results nor identified any changes it wants to make in response to those findings.

Taxes

Councilmember Judith Davis and Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed a desire to hold the line on property tax rates. Neither saw any likelihood that the city could reduce taxes to the constant yield tax rate (where the tax rate would be reduced so that residents’ tax bills did not increase). In addition, new and planned developments will increase the need for police and recreation staffers.

The discussion then turned to what new expenditures council wanted to see.

Electric Vehicles

Davis asked about electric vehicle charges. George said the city is developing a plan to install chargers in the Public Works yard for charging city vehicles and engage a contractor to install public chargers at no cost to the city.


Jordan called on the city to stop buying gas and diesel machines by 2025. George agreed with the concept but noted that electric vehicles are generally more expensive. In addition, electric versions of heavy-duty vehicles may be slower to come to market. He agreed that the city should start converting to electric vehicles as soon as it can, but cautioned that due to cost the city may need to phase in the switch over a longer period. He noted that an electric pickup can cost \$60,000 to \$70,000 compared to \$30,000 to \$40,000 for a gas-powered vehicle. In addition, at least initially, all maintenance would need to be done off-site, as city mechanics do not have the skills and equipment to work on electric vehicles. Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned this, noting the electric vehicles work the same as other vehicles aside from the drive system.

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Golden Age Club Officers Sworn In



PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

The new Greenbelt Golden Age Club officers were elected in December and sworn in by city staff at the meeting on January 4. Two city employees were present, with Anne Oudemans, assistant director of Greenbelt Recreation programs, performing the swearing in. The club is looking forward to a fun-filled year. From left, Anne Oudemans, assistant director of Recreation programs; Joyce Bailey, corresponding secretary; Ken Mahen, treasurer; Joan Baker, recording secretary; Marti Galvin, vice-president and past president; John Henry Jones, vice-president emeritus; Judy Parker, president; and Amber Hall, new therapeutic recreation supervisor and city liaison to the Golden Age Club.

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Other Priorities

Jordan called for an increase in council pay. The last increase, he said was in 2007 or 2009. Council is prohibited from raising its own pay, so any pay increase has to happen in odd-numbered years when it will affect only the newly-elected council. No specific amount or percent increase was discussed.

Councilmembers identified a number of desired budget items, including expansion of the animal shelter (Silke Pope); more rapid replacement of lost street trees, funding for Northway Fields, improvements to city cemeteries (Davis); Greenbelt Station amenities and the Buddy Attick Master Plan (Kristen Weaver); and funding for public art (Jordan).

Davis also called for the inclusion of a budget line for the

Reparations Commission, similar to that of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the Arts Advisory Board. Jordan suggested having a pooled budget line, rather than a separate budget for each body.

Councilmember Ric Gordon wanted the city to upgrade street lighting throughout the city. This can be a crime deterrent, he said. George reported that staff has been working with Pepco on converting to LED lights. He reported that these discussions are nearly complete.

ARPA Projects

When Jordan asked if the city needed to add contractors to manage its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects, George explained that the city is building project management into its

contracts. While projects will continue to have a staff liaison, the overall project management will be the responsibility of the contractor. In addition, the city may bring back some former city employees with project management experience.

George assured council that the city will ensure that it completes its ARPA expenditures by the federal deadline, which is unlikely to be extended. The city, he said, will not be writing a big check returning ARPA funds to the feds. Gaymon added that staff will review the status of all ARPA projects in or around April. If some projects are not moving forward, the funds can be reallocated. George has directed staff to identify projects that could be quickly completed if reallocation is necessary.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library will be closed Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, and will reopen Tuesday, January 17 at noon.

Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Library's schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

The Library offers sidewalk service seven days a week until 4:30 p.m. for customers who prefer to pick up requested items from the table outside the upper-level entrance.

Pre-K Story Hour

On Friday, January 13, 10:30 a.m., ages birth to 5, Springhill Lake Community Center. Enjoy the wonderful world of storytelling. Friends and family welcome. Hosted by Greenbelt Library staff and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7741979.

STEM-tastic

On Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science activities using basic scientific principles. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7561562.

Storytimes

Wednesday, January 18, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7554823.

Thursday, January 19, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7554792.

Virtual Book Discussion

This month the group will discuss Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson and Jason Stanford. Join friends and neighbors on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. for a lively virtual book discussion presented by the Greenbelt Library. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7601291.

News Suite

The PGCMLS News Suite (pgcmls.info/news-suite) offers quick and easy access to many national and international newspapers and magazines, including digital editions of The Washington Post and The New York Times.

VolunTEENs

Greenbelt teens in grades 6 to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the appropriate information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack at pgcmls.info/teens. All of the necessary information must be provided for a teen to earn SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours. Completion records will be sent three times a year to the email address on file.

Chromebooks

Online 2Go Chromebooks featuring Kajeet LTE/Wi-Fi access may be borrowed from the library by those age 18 and older with library cards in good standing; one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed.

The Chromebooks have a six-week loan period which may be renewed once for another six weeks if there are no hold requests from other customers. Each Chromebook is pre-loaded with Google Chrome, Google Classroom, Skype and Zoom.

Further information about Online 2Go Chromebooks and other technology is available at pgcmls.info/borrow-technology.



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upon to take over for the remainder of the term if a juror drops out. On the day I was summoned, judging by the number of names they called out and the number of people actually in the room, I estimate that they called about 400 people, of whom about 100 actually showed up. We were given some basic information and then had the opportunity to give our excuses if we were not able to serve, at which point about half the room got up and formed a line. We were told that it was fine to miss a week or two, so my pre-arranged overseas trip would not be a sufficient excuse.

Diverse Jury

The staff ended up selecting a very diverse jury out of those of us who remained. We met in the County Administration Building rather than the courthouse, because they needed a big enough room to space everyone six feet apart due to covid. Not many people wore masks so I was glad of the spacing, except that it made discussion difficult. I was impressed by the commitment and professionalism shown by my fellow jurors; everyone took the task very seriously, the vast majority showing up every week without fail, in their seats early, ready to get to work.

Each week we heard about 20 felony cases, with a detective reading out all the police reports while we took notes. When we had heard all the reports, the detective and the staff person in charge would leave the room and we would vote. It only takes 12 yes votes to move a case forward, but usually we voted yes unanimously. We were just looking for probable cause: was a crime committed and was it likely that the suspect committed the crime? In most cases, the illegal guns and drug-dealing paraphernalia were found on the defendant's person, or the assault victim could identify the attacker, so it was very clear-cut.

Distressing Details

It was distressing to hear the details of some of the cases, for example, the child pornography and sex abuse cases. Others were amusing because of the ineptitude or cluelessness of the suspects. In a couple of the more complicated cases, we heard testimony from witnesses, saw video footage, or were given a presentation and the opportunity to ask questions of the police officer investigating the crime.

We were paid the princely sum of \$15 for each day served, and unexpectedly got a raise to \$30 about halfway through the term.

Field Trip

One week we went on an



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Anne Gardner

interesting field trip to the Police Headquarters, where we were given training on use of force. We did some exercises that showed us how we often don't notice things that are happening right in front of us and we tried out a simulator with laser guns, where we were put into interactive police situations and had to decide whether or not to shoot.

Tedious

The most tedious part of each day was waiting for the judge, the clerk and the court reporter to come and formally accept the paperwork from us. We typically waited about two hours for this and were not allowed to leave – although I got away with going outside on nice days to eat my lunch and walk around the pretty pond across the street and I read a lot of books during that time.

On the last day, when we were asked if we would serve on a grand jury again if given the opportunity, many people eagerly raised their hands. Personally, I am glad to have my Tuesdays back, but it has definitely been an educational experience and I am glad that there are people willing to do this service.

congestion and take a direct route into the campus. The southbound return from Goddard via the bridge allowed commuters from Greenbelt Center to get to Southway while passing through only one light. The entrance also enabled commuting by bike via Northway to get to Goddard when the bridge was open.

Community Impact

In addition to affecting those who work at the Goddard campus, the bridge closure has impacted the community more broadly by adding thousands of cars to local roads during rush hour. A representative at Goddard told the News Review that the continued closure of the bridge had been a point of contention with the city and county because of the increased traffic on Greenbelt Road, a frustration echoed by some residents. Mark Hanyok, who lives in Greenbelt Center, says he has seen a lot of issues on the roads since the closure, "mostly northbound, often at rush hour" and he doesn't believe it's a coincidence. "As a commuter, if there's an extra 5,000 cars driving up and down Greenbelt Road – it's an issue for all Greenbelters," he told the News Review.

In Design Phase

It's been over a year since any updates on the bridge were



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PHOTO BY BARRETT BEDFORD-DILLOW

The closed gates at the Goddard exit to the BW Parkway. Barricades help prevent any attempts to enter the campus from the Parkway.

shared, but with funding now earmarked the slow process of repairing and reopening can begin. Paul Bull, chief of the Facilities Management Division at Goddard, reported that the project is now in the design phase with the

FHA. The design is expected to be completed in April and the construction award is anticipated in July. Unfortunately, reopening could still be a long way off. The project is expected to take 18 to 24 months.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE DORAN

Geese walk on the frozen Lake on Christmas Day.

Greenbelt Lake Photographers' Exhibition

February 1st –28th

February 4th: 10 am Reception

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from January 2, 2023 through January 8, 2023. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Break-in
On January 3 at 9:12 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, victim reported an unknown man was inside of their apartment and sitting on the couch after entering through an unlocked door. The resident asked the man to leave, the man lunged toward the resident, and the resident struck the man. When officers arrived, they located the suspect with minor injuries. The 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with fourth degree burglary and trespassing. On January 4 at 12:41 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, victim reported an unknown man opened the patio sliding door and entered the residence without permission, took the victim’s wallet, and a fight ensued between the victim and the man. The man fled out through the patio door, damaging items on the patio, and dropped the victim’s wallet. The victim described the man as a Black man with a light complexion, a slim build, approximately 6 ft. tall, with shoulder-length dread locks with blonde tips, wearing all black clothing; at 7:39 p.m. near 7000 Mathew Street, sliding glass door of house broken with a cinder block and the house was rummaged through; personal property stolen.

Robbery
On January 7 at 9:08 a.m. police officers responded to a bus stop in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a robbery. The victim, a 37-year-old woman, said she was walking home when someone grabbed her purse from behind her and pushed her to the ground. She described the suspect as a Black male wearing a black jacket and a black ski mask. A witness described two males, one wearing all black and one in a gray hoodie, run to a silver Kia SUV with a D.C. license plate and drive away. The victim sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

Arrest for Open Warrants
On January 2 at 3:18 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, adult woman arrested for open warrants and possession of controlled substances after business reported she refused to leave the property.

Dispute
On January 4 at 9:41 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, dispute between customer and employee resulted in damages to business.

DUI Arrest
On January 8 at 5:03 a.m. near Capital Beltway/Kenilworth Avenue.

Fraud
On January 4 at 11:42 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, identity theft and credit card fraud. On January 8 at 5:29 p.m. near

200 Lakeside Drive, counterfeit money used to buy shoes.

Gun Found
On January 7 at 2:54 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, police officers arrested a 22-year-old man on four firearms-related charges after a loitering investigation in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane. A Glock 19 handgun and multiple rounds of ammunition were recovered.

Theft
On January 4 at 8:12 a.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, package theft; at 12:03 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, bag left unattended. When owner returned, property was taken from bag. At 1:41 p.m. near 400 Ridge Road, two bicycles stolen from the bicycle rack next to apartment building; at 7:03 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, purse stolen from customer inside of business. Purse later located inside of the store but the victim’s wallet was missing. On January 5 at 5:26 p.m. near Research Road, solar panel garden lights stolen from residence yard. On January 6 at 4:04 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, victim reported they possibly left wallet on business counter while paying for items and someone picked it up. On January 7 at 10:49 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft; at 12:58 p.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, lobby’s ATM stolen. On January 8 at 12:22 a.m. near 5200 Stream Bank Lane, package theft.

Traffic Stop
On January 4 at 9:39 p.m. near Southway, during a traffic stop officers observed a con-

trolled substance in plain view. Citation issued to driver.

Vandalism
On January 3 at 4:53 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, kitchen window shot by a BB gun for the third time; at 9:12 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, residents advised police two unknown males dressed in black and wearing face masks pulled up to a parked Kia and broke the right rear passenger window and fled in a dark-colored Acura sedan once officers arrived.

Welfare Check
On January 3 at 11:40 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, a caller observed two children at the playground, one wearing only a diaper and the other not wearing any shoes. The woman seen with the children was advised to take them home, but it became apparent that she did not know the children. Officers recognized one of the children from multiple previous calls for an unattended child and took the children home. The children’s mother stated she did not know where her children were because she was sleeping. Child Protective Services notified.

Vehicle Crimes
Auto Located
On January 5 at 5:12 p.m. near Mandan Road/Bird Lane, vehicle reported stolen out of Prince George’s County located.

Auto Vandalism
On January 2 at 3:13 p.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a rear right window was broken, nothing taken; at 9:55 p.m. near 7700 Mandan Road, a rear right window was broken, nothing taken. On January 3 at


6:49 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a rear windshield was broken; at 11:53 a.m. near 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a 2020 Kia Soul rear driver-side window was broken and ignition vandalized. On January 4 at 11:43 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, tires were slashed with sharp object; at 11:50 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, rear passenger-side window was broken and ignition damaged on 2012 Kia Forte. On January 6 at 4:21 p.m. near 8200 Mandan Court, a rear passenger-side mirror was broken and ignition damaged on 2013 Hyundai Elantra; at 5:08 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, ignition and steering column of 2015 red Hyundai Elantra was damaged. On January 8 at 8:53 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a rear window was broken, nothing taken; at 4:32 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, rear passenger-side window was broken and ignition column was damaged on 2021 Hyundai Sonata.

Theft from Auto
On January 2 at 1:42 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, front driver-side and rear window broken, tools stolen. On January 3 at 5:30 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, steering wheel airbag from 2019 Honda Accord; at 7:01 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, steering wheel airbag stolen from Honda Accord. On January 4 at 1:01 p.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, rear license plate stolen. On January 5 at 5:14 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, personal property stolen from car. On January 6 at 8:01 a.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, catalytic converters

stolen from two Ford Transit Vans; at 5:57 p.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, catalytic converter stolen from 2022 Toyota Prius. On January 7 at 7:58 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, steering wheel airbag stolen from 2022 Honda Pilot along with personal property; at 8:02 a.m. near 7800 Jacobs Drive, steering wheel airbag stolen from 2016 Honda Accord along with personal property. On January 8 at 2:04 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, license plate stolen.

Stolen Plates Located
On January 5 at 9:53 a.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, stolen license plates were located.

Stolen Vehicles
On January 3 at 3 p.m. near Mandan Road/Hanover Parkway, a stolen car from Hyattsville was located after officers responded to an accident. On January 4 at 6:08 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, 2017 black Kia Optima (Md. plate 25710CK). On January 5 at 3:10 a.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, 2020 blue Dodge Charger (Md. plate 1FB5495). On January 6 at 6:50 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, 2020 black Kia Forte (Texas plate NRS5520); at 4:43 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a black 2016 Kia Optima (Md. plate 9EZ8757). On January 8 at 3:41 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, 2013 Hyundai Elantra (D.C. plate FY4879); at 3:51 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, 2018 black Hyundai Elantra (N.J. plate P28MLC).



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on January 19, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on December 1, 2022
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
 - 2023-2025 Contract for Waste Removal
 - 2023 -2024 Contract for Tub Reglazing
 - 2023-2024 Contract for Yardi Property Management System

GDC Closed Meeting -starts after GHI Closed Meeting ends – closed to visitors and members
Contract for Replacing Hallway Flooring and Stair Treads at the Parkway Apartments

GHI Open Meeting - starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to visitors and members

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on January 5, 2023
- b) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on January 19, 2023
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on December 1, 2022
- d) Transition & Search Committee’s Request to Change the General Manager Position Profile and Job Description
- e) Format of 2023 Annual Membership Meeting
- f) Woodlands Committee Request for a Facilitator to Assist in Deliberations re: Canyon Creek Grant Proposal
- g) Report on the 2022 Yard and Exterior Inspection Program
- h) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on February 2, 2023

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The 1941 Congress recognized the importance of infrastructure on the airwaves, and by July of that year allocated \$230,000 (or \$4.5 million in today's dollars) for a new WWV home near the newish town of Greenbelt.

In January of 1943, WWV started broadcasting from what was still technically Beltsville but was so close to Greenbelt that eventually the radio station changed the name of its location. The building had floor-to-ceiling windows but was otherwise square and utilitarian with a line of tall radio transmitters on either side of the entrance. For more than 20 years, this was the broadcast unit for the tones and, more famously, the time.

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For more information, read NIST Radio Station WWV Celebrates a Century of Service at nist.gov/blogs/taking-measure/nist-radio-station-wwv-celebrates-century-service.



The new WWV site, opened in 1943, was still technically in Beltsville but called itself Greenbelt in broadcasts.



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All families in and near Greenbelt are invited to join. This is not a drop-off program; children must be directly supervised by their adult.

See Facebook: Greenbelt Homeschoolers or gbhs20770. wixsite.com/gbhomeschoolers. For questions or to sign up contact Li'l Dan, parent volunteer/city liaison: dceldran@hotmail.com, 240-643-3768.

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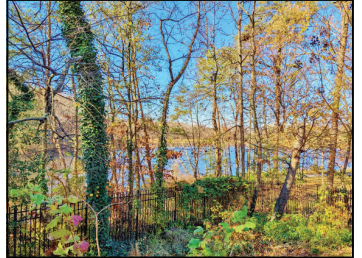
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Greenbelt Community Church Supports Greenbelt and Beyond

by Kathy Reynolds



Members of the Community Church stage a live nativity.

The Greenbelt Community Church congregation gathers together 365 days a year. The end of 2022 was no exception. There were several successful drive-by drop-off donations. The funds generated from these were donated to different charities. The ever-popular band The Relics was a smash hit, featuring Rachel Alexander on violin, Susan Breon and Dr. Wei-Der Huang on the four-hand piano, solos by Lisa Gransfor-Hunt and Carol Bellamy, with Keith Johnson and Tom Gill (on guitar) singing duets. Nearly \$1K was raised through the free-will concert and the sale of homemade cookies. The annual Christmas gift event was held for the less fortunate and/or homeless families in Prince George’s County. Church members chose names from about

50 families with their Christmas wish lists and provided wrapped gifts that are then distributed throughout the county. There was a mitten, scarf and hat tree this Christmas with lots and lots of homemade scarves, warm and snuggly hats, gloves and mittens that were distributed to Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools. As one can see, this active church is like a “busy bee.” The joy and love given and shared throughout the year brings happiness to grateful communities and provides warm and grateful hearts. Thanks to Greenbelt friends and neighbors for always being there to support with gifts, needs and projects. Meet us on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. for worship, conversation and light refreshments after service.



The church’s Christmas scarf, mitten, glove and hat tree

- Photos by Rick Ransom

Below, a small portion of the many gifts the congregation donated to the less fortunate



Play on! Music Continued Across Distance and Masks

by Rebecca Redeker

The pandemic that began in 2020 left some students learning from home for nearly two years. Among educators who had to adjust to teaching in new ways were music teachers. **Pandemic Loss** Greenbelt Elementary School music teacher Isaac Segal noticed that during the pandemic students experienced delayed social skills and acted younger than their age, which led to problems such as lack of motivation and a limited tolerance for frustration. In addition to general teaching challenges, music instruction had particular in-person aspects that were lost.

“I think truly any teacher who says their music students learned the same over Zoom isn’t being honest,” Segal said. In person, he was able to point to a specific key on an instrument or help a student correctly hold it. On Zoom he had to describe how to do so.

Technological Solutions Segal reflected that the pandemic has taught him that there are many tools that teachers weren’t previously taking advantage of. Some of these tools were able to help in the classroom in ways that one person couldn’t. “For all its challenges, pandemic teaching has finally put teaching into the 21st century with technology integration and cutting-edge teaching tools,” Segal said. Segal said ClassDojo was one of the most helpful tools that he continues to use. “The combination of an instant messenger, a classroom hub and an auto-translate function made communication easier,” he explained. Music teachers came up with innovative ways to connect to their students and even create concerts while maintaining social distancing. Some stitched together individual recordings of their students playing and, once students were back in classrooms but capacity limits and social distancing prevented live audiences, concerts were streamed and recorded.

Music in Masks When music instruction and concerts resumed in person, the woodwind and brass players used special masks with slits for their mouthpieces. Greenbelt Elementary School’s music department purchased instrument bell covers to reduce bacteria coming out of the instruments. Music & Arts, a musical supply store in Greenway Center, supplies instruments and accessories to many local student musicians and offered personal protective equipment packages for instruments. While these interventions allowed musicians to continue to play with less risk of spreading covid, they also introduced challenges for instruction. “For wind instruments, seeing the players’ face and mouth is very informative to how they are learning, so I had to make a lot of assumptions in regard to their mouth position,” lamented Segal. “In addition, it was hard to tell if kids were successfully repeating the steps I showed them,” he explained. Segal found that the string players were able to learn new concepts more easily because their performances were not affected by mask wearing.



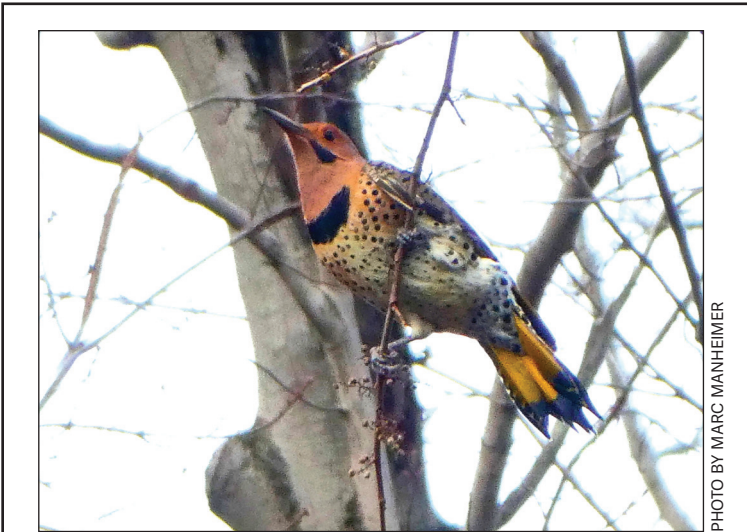
A bell cover shows the type of PPE wind and brass players adopted during the pandemic.

Collaboration, Enthusiasm The pandemic also brought out strengths in teaching and teachers. Many elementary school teachers helped distribute textbooks and Chromebooks and some even helped deliver materials directly to students’ houses. “There was also a lot of collaboration in teaching, especially in regard to using new technology in the virtual classroom,” Segal reflected. At the time the pandemic began, he was a third-year teacher and he appreciated the

collaboration and help. After a couple of challenging years for the music programs, students have returned with enthusiasm. “Last year I had more kids sign up for band and orchestra,” said Segal of the 2021-2022 school year; “[then] I broke my own record this year,” he said. He suspects students want to make up for lost experiences during the pandemic. *Rebecca Redeker is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.*



Band students Charlie Renze, left, and Avery Gardner rehearse outside Eleanor Roosevelt High School in May, 2021. They are wearing special masks with a slit for the instrument's mouthpiece and have bell covers on their trumpets.



Northern flicker at the Lake